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Summary

The present annual report covers the period from 30 March 2014 to 2 April 2015 and the 111th, 112th and 113th sessions of the Human Rights Committee. In total, there are 168 States parties to the Covenant, 115 to the Optional Protocol and 81 to the Second Optional Protocol.

During the period under review, the Committee considered 18 States parties' reports submitted under article 40 and adopted concluding observations on them (111th session: Chile; Georgia; Ireland; Japan; Malawi; and the Sudan; 112th session: Burundi, Haiti, Israel, Malta, Montenegro; and Sri Lanka; 113th session: Cambodia; Côte d'Ivoire; Croatia; Cyprus; Monaco; and the Russian Federation (see paragraph 17 on concluding observations).

Under the Optional Protocol procedure, the Committee adopted 80 Views on communications, and declared 25 communications inadmissible. Consideration of communications was discontinued in 11 cases. So far, 2,593 communications have been registered since the entry into force of the Optional Protocol to the Covenant, including 224 since the writing of the previous report (see paragraph 26 on Optional Protocol decisions).

The Special Rapporteur for follow-up on concluding observations, Fabián Salvioli, presented progress reports during the Committee's 112th and 113th sessions. The Special Rapporteur for follow-up on Views, Yuji Iwasawa, presented progress reports at the three Committee sessions.

The Committee again deplores the fact that a large number of States parties do not comply with their reporting obligations under article 40 of the Covenant. Fifty-two States parties are currently at least five years overdue with either an initial or periodic report.

During the 113th session, the Chairperson absented himself for three days to attend the interactive dialogue with the General Assembly in New York on 20 October 2014 (see paragraph 53 below).

Finally, recalling the obligation of the Secretary-General under article 36 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the Committee reaffirms its grave concern over the lack of sufficient staff resources and translation services which hampers its activities. Once again, it stresses the importance of providing the Secretariat with the necessary resources to support its work effectively. The Committee appreciates the decision of the General Assembly to adopt resolution 68/268 on strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body process system, including provision for the two and a half extra weeks of meeting time the Committee received for the calendar year 2015. However, it regrets that insufficient human resources were provided to the Committee to ensure full implementation of that resolution (see paragraph 47 below).

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I. Jurisdiction and activities

A. States parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and to the Optional Protocols

1. At the end of the 113th session of the Human Rights Committee, there were 168 States parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and 115 States parties to the Optional Protocol to the Covenant. Both instruments have been in force since 23 March 1976.

2. Since the last report, the State of Palestine ratified the Covenant. There have been no new accessions to the First Optional Protocol. El Salvador, Gabon and Poland ratified the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty.

3. As at 2 April 2015, 49 States had made the declaration provided for under article 41 (1) of the Covenant. In this connection, the Committee appeals to States parties to make the declaration under article 41 of the Covenant and to consider using this mechanism with a view to making implementation of the provisions of the Covenant more effective.

4. The Second Optional Protocol to the Covenant, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty entered into force on 11 July 1991. As at 2 April 2015, there were 81 States parties to the Optional Protocol.

5. All information on the status of these treaties, including reservations and declarations made by States parties, can be accessed at the following link: https://treaties.un.org/pages/Treaties.aspx?id=4&subid=A&lang=en.

B. Sessions of the Committee

6. The Human Rights Committee held three sessions since the adoption of its previous annual report. The 111th session was held from 7 to 25 July 2014, the 112th session from 7 October to 31 October 2014, and the 113th session from 16 March to 2 April 2015. All sessions were held at the United Nations Office at Geneva.

C. Election of officers

7. On 11 March 2013, the Committee had elected the following officers for a term of two years, in accordance with article 39 (1) of the Covenant:

Chair:	Sir Nigel Rodley
Vice-Chairs:	Yadh Ben Achour Iulia Antoanella Motoc/Konstantine Vardzelashvili[1] Margo Waterval
Rapporteur:	Cornelis Flinterman

8. During its 111th, 112th and 113th sessions, the Bureau of the Committee held nine meetings (three per session). Pursuant to the decision taken at the seventy-first session, the Bureau records its decisions in formal minutes, which are kept as a record of all decisions taken.

[1] Ms. Motoc resigned on 14 October 2013 (effective 4 November 2013) and, from the 110th session, was replaced as Vice-Chair by Mr. Vardzelashvili.

D. Special rapporteurs

9. The Special Rapporteur on new communications and interim measures, Walter Kälin, registered 224 communications during the reporting period and transmitted them to the States parties concerned, and issued 66 decisions calling for interim measures of protection pursuant to rule 92 of the Committee's rules of procedure.

10. The Special Rapporteur for follow-up on Views, Yuji Iwasawa, and the Special Rapporteur for follow-up on concluding observations, Fabián Salvioli as well as the Deputy Rapporteur for follow-up on concluding observations, Anja Seibert-Fohr, continued to carry out their functions during the reporting period.

11. During the 113th session, the Committee appointed the following new rapporteurs: Sarah Cleveland as the Special Rapporteur for follow-up on concluding observations and Yadh Ben Achour as Deputy Rapporteur for follow-up on concluding observations; Víctor Manuel Rodríguez-Rescia as Special Rapporteur for follow-up on Views; Sir Nigel Rodley and Yuval Shany as the Special Rapporteur on new communications and interim measures and co-rapporteur, respectively; and Ahmed Amin Fathalla as the Rapporteur on reprisals.

E. Working group and country report task forces

12. Country report task forces met during the 111th, 112th and 113th sessions to consider and adopt lists of issues on the reports of Austria, Benin, Cambodia, Canada, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, France, Greece, Iraq, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Spain, Suriname, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uzbekistan, and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of). Lists of issues prior to reporting were also adopted for Poland, Mexico and Switzerland.

13. At the 111th session, the Working Group on Communications was composed of Lazhari Bouzid, Christine Chanet, Mr. Flinterman, Ms. Motoc, Mr. Ben Achour, Gerald L. Neuman, Mr. Rodríguez-Rescia, Mr. Salvioli, Ms. Seibert-Fohr, Mr. Shany, Mr. Vardzelashvili and Ms. Waterval. Ms. Seibert-Fohr was designated Chair-Rapporteur. The Working Group met from 7 to 25 July 2014.

14. At the 112th session, the Working Group on Communications was composed of Mr. Ben Achour, Mr. Bouzid, Ms. Chanet, Mr. Flinterman, Mr. Neuman, Mr. Rodríguez-Rescia, Dheerujlall Seetulsingh, and Ms. Waterval. Mr. Ben Achour was designated Chair-Rapporteur. The Working Group met from 29 September 2014 to 3 October 2014.

15. At the 113th session, the Working Group on Communications was composed of Mr. Ben Achour, Mr. Bouzid, Mr. Salvioli, Mr. Seetulsingh, Ms. Seibert-Fohr, Sir Nigel Rodley, Mr. Vardzelashvili and Ms. Waterval. Mr. Salvioli was designated Chair-Rapporteur. The Working Group met from 9 to 13 March 2015.

F. Derogations pursuant to article 4 of the Covenant

16. Article 4 (1) of the Covenant stipulates that, in time of public emergency which threatens the life of the nation, States parties may take measures derogating from certain of their obligations under the Covenant. Pursuant to paragraph 2, no derogation is allowed from articles 6, 7, 8 (1 and 2), 11, 15, 16 and 18. Pursuant to paragraph 3, any derogation must be immediately notified to the other States parties through the intermediary of the Secretary-General. A further notification is required upon the

termination of the derogation.[2] During the period covered by the present report, the following States made derogations under the Covenant: Guatemala, Peru and Thailand. All such notifications are available on the website of the Office of Legal Affairs: http://treaties.un.org.

G. Concluding observations and follow-up to concluding observations

17. Since its forty-fourth session in March 1992,[3] the Committee has adopted concluding observations. It takes the concluding observations as a starting point in the preparation of the list of issues for the consideration of the subsequent State party report. During the period under review, concluding observations were adopted on 18 States parties (111th session: Chile (CCPR/C/CHL/CO/6), Georgia (CCPR/C/GEO/CO/4), Ireland (CCPR/C/IRL/CO/4), Japan (CCPR/C/JPN/CO/6), Malawi (CCPR/C/MWI/CO/1) and the Sudan (CCPR/C/SDN/CO/4); 112th session: Burundi (CCPR/C/BDI/CO/2), Haiti (CCPR/C/HTI/CO/1), Israel (CCPR/C/ISR/CO/4), Malta (CCPR/C/MLT/CO/2), Montenegro (CCPR/C/MNE/CO/1) and Sri Lanka (CCPR/C/LKA/CO/5); 113th session: Cambodia (CCPR/C/KHM/CO/2), Côte d'Ivoire (CCPR/C/CIV/CO/1), Croatia (CCPR/C/HRV/CO/3), Cyprus (CCPR/C/CYP/CO/4), Monaco (CCPR/C/MCO/CO/3) and the Russian Federation (CCPR/C/RUS/CO/7)). The concluding observations adopted by the Committee at those sessions are available from the website of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) under "Human rights bodies/Treaty body document search" (www2.ohchr.org) and from the Official Document System of the United Nations (http://documents.un.org) under the symbols indicated.

18. At its seventy-fourth session, the Committee adopted decisions spelling out the modalities for following up on concluding observations.[4] The Committee invites the State party to report back to it within a specified period regarding its follow-up to the Committee's recommendations, indicating what steps, if any, it has taken. The responses received are thereafter examined by the Committee's Special Rapporteur for follow-up on concluding observations. Since the seventy-sixth session, the Committee has, as a rule, examined the progress reports submitted by the Special Rapporteur on a sessional basis.

19. During the 108th session, the Committee adopted a note on the procedure for follow-up to concluding observations (CCPR/C/108/2). The note defines the rules and guidelines on the development of the follow-up process and is aimed at systematizing the practice developed.

20. During the period under review, the Special Rapporteur for follow-up on concluding observations, Mr. Salvioli, as well as the Deputy Rapporteur for follow-up on concluding observations, Ms. Seibert-Fohr, submitted interim reports to the Committee during the 112th and 113th sessions.

21. During the 112th session and given the difficulties the Rapporteur had in keeping within the word limit for follow-up reports to concluding observations, the Committee decided to revert to the practice of preparing and adopting a report at each session (as opposed to two reports annually). During the period under review, follow-up comments were received from States parties. Follow-up information was also received from non-governmental organizations.

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[2] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 40*, vol. I (A/60/40 (vol. I)), chap. I, para. 28.

[3] Ibid., *Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 40* (A/47/40), chap. I, sect. E, para. 18.

[4] Ibid., *Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 40* (A/57/40), vol. I, annex III, sect. A.

22. All information on follow-up to concluding observations, including follow-up reports, can be found on the OHCHR website at: http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/TreatyBodyExternal/FollowUp.aspx?Treaty=CCPR&Lang=en.

H. Communications and follow-up to Views

23. Individuals who claim that any of their rights under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights have been violated by a State party, and who have exhausted all available domestic remedies, may submit written communications to the Human Rights Committee for consideration under the Optional Protocol. No communication can be considered unless it concerns a State party to the Covenant that has recognized the competence of the Committee by becoming a party to the Optional Protocol.

24. Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol is confidential and takes place in closed meetings (art. 5 (3) of the Optional Protocol). The Committee's final decisions (Views, decisions declaring a communication inadmissible, decisions to discontinue the consideration of a communication) are made public; the names of the authors are disclosed, unless the Committee decides otherwise at the request of the authors.

25. An overview of the States parties' obligations under the Optional Protocol is contained in the Committee's general comment No. 33 (2008) on the obligations of States parties under the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

1. Progress of work

26. The Committee started its work under the Optional Protocol at its second session, in 1977. Since then 2,593 communications concerning 92 States parties have been registered for consideration by the Committee, including 224 registered during the period covered by the present report. At present, the status of the 2, 593 communications registered is as follows:

(a) Consideration concluded by the adoption of Views under article 5 (4) of the Optional Protocol: 1,088, including 922 in which violations of the Covenant were found;

(b) Declared inadmissible: 645;

(c) Discontinued or withdrawn: 368;

(d) Not yet concluded: 492.

27. At its 111th, 112th and 113th sessions, the Committee adopted Views on 80 cases and concluded the consideration of 25 cases by declaring them inadmissible. The Views and final decisions adopted by the Committee at those sessions are available through the treaty body case law database (available at http://juris.ohchr.org/) as well as from the details of jurisprudence available on the OHCHR website (per session) (available at www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CCPR/Pages/Jurisprudence.aspx). They are also accessible through the treaty body database on the OHCHR website (www2.ohchr.org) and from the Official Document System of the United Nations (http://documents.un.org).

28. The Committee decided to discontinue the consideration of 13 communications for such reasons as withdrawal by the author, or because the author or counsel failed to respond to the Committee despite repeated reminders, or because the authors, who

had expulsion orders pending against them, were allowed to stay in the countries concerned.

29. The table below sets out the pattern of the Committee's work on communications over the last six years (communications dealt with from 2009 to 31 December 2014).

Year	*New cases registered*	*Cases concluded*[a]	*Pending cases at 31 December*
2014	191	124	456
2013	93	72	379
2012	102	99	355
2011	106	188	352
2010	96	94	434
2009	68	84	432

[a] Total number of cases decided (by the adoption of Views, inadmissibility decisions and decisions to discontinue consideration).

30. By the date of adoption of the present report, some 102 communications were ready for the Committee's decision on admissibility and/or merits.

2. Approaches to considering communications under the Optional Protocol

(a) Special Rapporteur on new communications

31. At its thirty-fifth session, in March 1989, the Committee decided to designate a special rapporteur authorized to process new communications and requests for interim measures as they were received, i.e. between sessions of the Committee. During the 111th and 112th sessions, Mr. Kälin continued his activities as Special Rapporteur. At the 113th session, Sir Nigel Rodley was designated Special Rapporteur on new communications and interim measures, and Mr. Shany co-rapporteur. In the period covered by the present report, 222 new communications were transmitted to States parties under rule 97 of the Committee's rules of procedure, requesting information or observations relevant to the questions of admissibility and merits. In 66 cases, the Special Rapporteur issued requests for interim measures pursuant to rule 92 of the Committee's rules of procedure.

32. The methods of work of the Special Rapporteur, as approved by the Committee at its 110th session, are contained in document CCPR/C/110/3.

(b) Competence of the Working Group on Communications

33. At its thirty-sixth session, in July 1989, the Committee decided to authorize the Working Group on Communications to adopt decisions declaring communications admissible when all members of the Working Group so agreed. Failing such agreement, the Working Group refers the matter to the Committee. It also does so whenever it believes that the Committee itself should decide the question of admissibility. The Working Group can also adopt decisions declaring communications inadmissible if all members so agree. However, the decision will be transmitted to the Committee plenary, which may confirm it without formal discussion or examine it at the request of any Committee member.

3. Individual opinions

34. In its work under the Optional Protocol, the Committee seeks to adopt decisions by consensus. However, pursuant to rule 104 of the Committee's rules of procedure,

members can add their individual opinions (concurring or dissenting) to the Committee's Views. Under this rule, members can also append their individual opinions to the Committee's decisions declaring communications admissible or inadmissible.

35. During the period under review, individual opinions were appended to the Committee's Views and decisions concerning 36 cases.

4. Cooperation by the States parties in the examination of communications

36. In several cases decided during the period under review, the Committee noted that the State party had failed to cooperate in the procedure by not providing observations on the admissibility and/or merits of the authors' allegations. The States parties in question are Belarus, Libya, Sri Lanka and Turkmenistan. The Committee deplored that situation and recalled that it was implicit in the Optional Protocol that States parties should transmit to the Committee all information at their disposal. In the absence of a reply, due weight has to be given to the author's allegations, to the extent that they have been properly substantiated.

37. In four cases decided during the period under review, the Committee noted with regret that the State party had failed to respect the Committee's request for interim measures. The Committee recalled that a State party commits grave breaches of its obligations under the Optional Protocol if its inaction serves to prevent or frustrate consideration by the Committee of a communication alleging a violation of the Covenant, or to render examination by the Committee moot and the expression of its Views nugatory and futile. The States in question are Belarus (two cases), the Russian Federation and Spain.

5. Issues considered by the Committee

38. A review of the Committee's work under the Optional Protocol from its second session in 1977 to its 107th session in March 2013 can be found in the Committee's annual reports for 1984 to 2013, which contain summaries of the procedural and substantive issues considered by the Committee and of the decisions taken. A chapter on the jurisprudential developments of the Committee during the period under review is not contained in this annual report but in document CCPR/C/113/4 (available in English only). The full texts of the Views adopted by the Committee and of its decisions declaring communications inadmissible under the Optional Protocol are available in the treaty body database (http://juris.ohchr.org) on the OHCHR website (www.ohchr.org).

6. Follow-up to Views

39. During the period under review, the Special Rapporteur for follow-up on Views, Mr. Iwasawa, submitted reports during the 112th and 113th sessions. The follow-up report on individual communications under the Optional Protocol from the 112th session is contained in document CCPR/C/112/3 and the report from the 113th session in document CCPR/C/113/3. The Committee did not adopt a report on follow-up to Views at its 111th session, following its decision (adopted at its 110th session) to prepare and adopt only two reports on follow-up to Views each year (as opposed to three reports previously), and to have such reports translated.

40. To date, 922 of the 1,088 Views adopted since 1979 concluded that there had been a violation of the Covenant. The Committee has continued its practice, initiated on a trial basis at its 109th session, to include in its reports on follow-up to Views an assessment of the States parties' reply/action, based on the criteria of the follow-up procedure to the concluding observations. The Committee again notes that many

States parties have failed to implement the Views adopted under the Optional Protocol.

41. The Committee has continued to seek to ensure implementation of its Views through its Special Rapporteur for follow-up on Views. Meetings were arranged with representatives of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Greece, so that the Committee could engage in a dialogue with them on the measures taken to give effect to its Views.

42. At its 112th session, the Committee decided to suspend the follow-up dialogue with a finding of unsatisfactory implementation of its recommendation in two cases (concerning Greece and Kyrgyzstan), and to close the follow-up dialogue with a note of partially satisfactory implementation of its recommendation in one case (concerning Libya). At its 113th session, the Committee did not suspend any follow-up dialogue.

I. General comments under article 40 (4) of the Covenant

43. At the 112th session, the Committee adopted its general comment No. 35 (2014) on article 9 (liberty and security of person) (CCPR/C/GC/35).

44. At the same session, the Committee decided that the next general comment would be drafted on article 6 of the Covenant (right to life). Mr. Shany and Sir Nigel Rodley were nominated as Rapporteurs for that new general comment.

45. At the 113th session, the Committee adopted a note on the next general comment on article 6 (right to life) in preparation for a half-day of discussion on the issue to be held during its subsequent session in July 2015. The Human Rights Committee invited interested representatives of national human rights institutions, civil society and academia to participate and to provide written information on the subject. Information on the half-day of general discussion can be found at the following link: www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CCPR/Pages/GC36-Article6Righttolife.aspx.

J. Staff resources and translation of official documents

46. In accordance with article 36 of the Covenant, the Secretary-General is obliged to provide the Committee members with the necessary staff and facilities for the effective performance of their functions. The Committee reaffirms its concern regarding the shortage of staff resources and stresses once again the importance of allocating adequate staff resources to service its sessions and to promote greater awareness, understanding and implementation of its recommendations at the national level. Furthermore, the Committee expresses grave concern that general rules within the United Nations concerning staff mobility in the Secretariat may hamper the work of the Committee, in particular for staff working in the Petitions Unit who need to remain in their positions for a sufficiently long period so as to acquire experience and knowledge regarding the jurisprudence of the Committee.

47. The Committee is grateful to the General Assembly for the adoption of resolution 68/268 on strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system, including the provision for the two and a half extra weeks of meeting time that the Committee received for the calendar year 2015. However, it regrets that insufficient human resources were provided to the Committee to ensure full implementation of the resolution. That resulted in the Committee's decision not to accept the three and a half extra days granted by the General Assembly in resolution 68/268.

48. The Committee reaffirms its deep concern that, despite having the requisite mandate and financial entitlement to have its replies to the list of issues translated,

there remains limited availability of these documents during its sessions. It also expresses concern that during the 112th session draft recommendations on individual communications were not available in three languages (English, French and Spanish) in time for the discussion at the working group session. Following these concerns, the Bureau of the Committee met with representatives from Conference Services and subsequently the Chair sent a letter to the Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management asking to be made aware of the measures being taken to resolve that problem. The Under-Secretary-General responded to the letter, reporting that the problems were due to a continued increase in mandated documentation combined with permanent capacity shortfalls, numerous sessions running in parallel, and a lack of word limits on replies to lists of issues as well as their unpredictable submission date. He indicated that the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management would study all feasible options for measures to resolve those challenges and requested the Committee's cooperation, including through the implementation of word limits on replies to lists of issues and internal deadlines.

49. At the 113th session, the Committee expressed concern about the impact that the new word limits introduced pursuant to the General Assembly resolution 68/268 would have on their work in general and on the annual report in particular.

K. Publicity for the work of the Committee

50. At its ninety-fourth session, the Committee adopted a paper on a strategic approach to public relations with the media (CCPR/C/94/3).

51. During the 111th, 112th and 113th sessions, the Centre for Civil and Political Rights continued to webcast the examination of all States parties' reports as well as other public meetings of interest. The webcast may be accessed at the following link: www.treatybodywebcast.org.

52. The Committee continued to develop a robust media strategy, which included holding well-attended press conferences at the end of each session. The Committee is grateful for the invaluable assistance of the new communications officer and expresses the wish that the post continue to be funded. A significant number of articles on all of the countries examined during the period under review, as well as requests for interviews, resulted from these endeavours.

L. Submission of the Committee's annual report to the General Assembly

53. During the 112th session, the Chair attended the interactive dialogue with the General Assembly in New York on 20 October 2014, at which time he presented the Committee's annual report.

M. Adoption of the report

54. At its 3159th meeting, on 1 April 2015, the Committee considered the draft of its thirty-ninth annual report, covering its activities at its 111th, 112th and 113th sessions, held in 2014 and 2015. The report, as amended in the course of the discussion, was adopted unanimously. By virtue of its decision 1985/105 of 8 February 1985, the Economic and Social Council authorized the Secretary-General to transmit the Committee's annual report directly to the General Assembly.

II. Methods of work of the Committee under article 40 of the Covenant and cooperation with other United Nations bodies

55. The present chapter summarizes and explains the modifications introduced by the Committee to its working methods under article 40 of the Covenant in the last year, as well as recent decisions adopted by the Committee on follow-up to its concluding observations on State party reports.

A. Recent developments and decisions on procedures

56. During the 111th session, in a public meeting, the Committee considered the outcome of the twenty-sixth meeting of the chairs of the human rights treaty bodies (23-27 June 2014) relating to General Assembly resolution 68/268 on strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system. After a debriefing by the Chair on the outcome of the meeting, the Committee considered the recommendations in the report of the Chairs (A/69/285), which the Committee does not currently apply. On the issues raised therein, the Committee agreed the following:

(a) The simplified reporting procedure should in principle be offered to all States parties (rather than the restricted group to which it is currently offered — those States parties whose reports are 10 or more years overdue or whose reports are due in or after 2013). The procedure will remain applicable to periodic reports only;

(b) The Committee will review the reporting guidelines to see if any incremental changes can be made, in particular in the light of the word limits on State party reports, which will come into effect as of January 2015. No major changes are currently envisaged, given that the guidelines were only revised in 2010;

(c) The working languages of the Committee, relating both to documentation and interpretation, will be considered every two years depending on the membership and the rules of procedure will be amended accordingly. The Committee decided for the next two years to have English, French and Spanish as the Committee's working languages and, on an exceptional basis, Arabic;

(d) On the constructive dialogue, it was agreed that a middle ground (as opposed to strict time limits or no limits at all) of indicative time limits would be piloted by the Chair at the 112th session;

(e) The Committee's guidance note for States parties on the constructive dialogue with the Committee will be updated in the light of annex I to the report of the Chairs to the extent deemed appropriate;

(f) On reprisals, the Committee appointed a Rapporteur on reprisals, Mr. Rodríguez-Rescia;

(g) The Committee also considered the additional weeks granted by the General Assembly in resolution 68/268 for 2015 and adopted the proposal on how to deal with that extra time presented by the Secretariat. The Committee will have three and a half extra days in March 2015, and an extra week in both July and October 2015. The extra week in October will be added as a week of meeting in dual chambers;

(h) Relevant amendments will have to be made to the Committee's rules of procedure.

57. During the 113th session, the Committee decided to introduce new language in its standard final paragraph of its concluding observations, referring to the word limits on State party reports, as reflected in the General Assembly resolution 68/268.

1. Focused reports based on lists of issues prior to reporting

58. In October 2009, the Committee decided to adopt a new reporting procedure available to a limited number of States parties. Information on the procedure can be found at the following link: www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CCPR/Pages/SimplifiedReportingProcedure.aspx.

59. During the 112th and 113th sessions, the Committee examined the third periodic reports of Croatia and Monaco and the fourth periodic report of Israel submitted pursuant to the simplified reporting procedure. The Committee adopted lists of issues prior to reporting with respect to the sixth periodic report of Mexico and the seventh periodic report of Poland during the 111th session and with respect to the fourth periodic report of Switzerland during the 112th session.

2. Cooperation with national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations

60. During the 104th session, the Committee adopted a paper on its collaboration with non-governmental organizations (CCPR/C/104/3).

61. During the 106th session, the Committee adopted a similar paper on its collaboration with national human rights institutions (CCPR/C/106/3).

3. Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on new communications and interim measures

62. During the 110th session, the Committee adopted a note on the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on new communications and interim measures (CCPR/C/110/3).

B. Links to other bodies

63. During its 111th session, the Committee held its fourth meeting with the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, whose session overlapped with that of the Human Rights Committee. The meeting gave the members of both Committees an opportunity to compare and contrast how they consider issues of reproductive health, in particular abortion. The Committee is very grateful to the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian and Human Rights Law for having supported the meeting through its treaty body platform.

III. Submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant

64. Under the Committee's guidelines, adopted at its sixty-sixth session and amended at the seventieth session (CCPR/C/66/GUI/Rev.2), the five-year periodicity in reporting, which the Committee itself had established at its thirteenth session in July 1981 (CCPR/C/19/Rev.1), was replaced by a flexible system whereby the date for the subsequent periodic report by a State party is set on a case-by-case basis at the end of the Committee's concluding observations on any report, in accordance with article 40 of the Covenant and in the light of the guidelines for reporting and the working methods of the Committee. The Committee confirmed this approach in its current guidelines adopted at the ninety-ninth session (CCPR/C/2009/1).

65. During the 104th session, the Committee decided to increase the periodicity granted to States parties for their reports to up to a period of six years.

A. Reports submitted to the Secretary-General from April 2014 to 2 April 2015

66. During the period covered by the present report, 15 reports were submitted to the Secretary-General by the following States parties: Azerbaijan (fourth periodic report), Burkina Faso (initial report), Colombia (seventh periodic report), Costa Rica (sixth periodic report), Ghana (initial report), Jamaica (fourth periodic report), Kazakhstan (second periodic report), Kuwait (second periodic report), Monaco (third periodic report), Morocco (sixth periodic report), Namibia (second periodic report), Rwanda (fourth periodic report), Slovenia (third periodic report), South Africa (initial report) and Thailand (second periodic report).

B. Overdue reports and non-compliance by States parties with their obligations under article 40

67. The Committee wishes to reiterate that States parties to the Covenant must submit the reports referred to in article 40 of the Covenant on time so that the Committee can duly perform its functions under that article. Regrettably, serious delays have been noted since the establishment of the Committee.

68. The Committee notes with concern that the failure of States parties to submit reports hinders the performance of its monitoring functions under article 40 of the Covenant. The Committee reiterates that these States are in default of their obligations under article 40 of the Covenant. See annex II for the list of States parties with overdue reports.

69. The Committee draws particular attention to the fact that 21 initial reports are overdue, including 18 initial reports overdue by at least five years and 10 overdue by at least 10 years. The result is frustration of a crucial objective of the Covenant, namely, to enable the Committee to monitor compliance by States parties with their obligations under the Covenant on the basis of periodic reports. The Committee addresses reminders at regular intervals to all those States parties whose reports are significantly overdue.

70. Owing to the concern of the Committee about the number of overdue reports and non-compliance by States parties with their obligations under article 40 of the Covenant,[5] amendments to the rules of procedure were formally adopted during the seventy-first session, in March 2001 (CCPR/C/3/Rev.6 and Corr.1).[6] The Committee has applied the revised rules since the end of the seventy-first session (April 2001).

71. The amendments introduced a procedure to be followed when a State party has failed to honour its reporting obligations for a long time, or requests a postponement of its scheduled appearance before the Committee at short notice. In both situations, the Committee may henceforth serve notice on the State concerned that it intends to consider, from material available to it, the measures adopted by that State party to give effect to the provisions of the Covenant, even in the absence of a report.

[5] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 40*, vol. I (A/51/40 (vol. I)), chap. III, sect. B, and ibid., *Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 40* (A/57/40), chap. III, sect. B.

[6] Ibid., *Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 40* (A/56/40), vol. I, annex III, sect. B. The revised rules were confirmed in the amended rules of procedure adopted at the 103rd session (CCPR/C/3/Rev.10).

72. During its 103rd session, the Committee amended its rules of procedure (rules 68 and 70) relating to the examination of country situations in the absence of a report (review procedure).[7] Since 2012, the examination of such country situations takes place in public rather than closed session and the resulting concluding observations are also issued as public documents (see the amended rules of procedure, CCPR/C/3/Rev.10).

73. The Committee first applied the procedure under rule 70 of its rules of procedure to a non-reporting State at its seventy-fifth session. The procedure to examine States parties in the absence of a report has been initiated with regard to the following 21 States parties to date: Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Cabo Verde, the Central African Republic, Côte d'Ivoire, Dominica, Equatorial Guinea, Gambia, Grenada, Haiti, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Rwanda, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, San Marino, Seychelles, South Africa and Suriname. The examination of all States parties examined under this procedure up until the 110th session is reflected in annual report A/69/40 (Vol. I).[8]

74. Prior to the 112th session, the Committee indicated to South Africa that it would adopt a list of issues on South Africa in the absence of a report during the 112th session. On 26 November 2014, South Africa submitted its report and the adoption of a list of issues was rescheduled to a later session. A note verbale was also sent to Bangladesh indicating that the Committee would adopt a list of issues in the absence of a report at the 112th session. Following a commitment by Bangladesh to provide the Committee with a report by March 2015, the Committee deferred consideration of the situation of civil and political rights in Bangladesh until receipt of the report.

C. Periodicity with respect to States parties' reports examined during the period under review

75. During the 104th session, the Committee decided to increase the periodicity granted to States parties for their reports to up to a period of six years. Thus, the Committee may now ask States parties to submit their subsequent periodic reports within three, four, five or six years.

76. The periodicity of the State parties' reports examined during the period under review is indicated in the table below.

State party	*Date of examination*	*Due date for next report*
Chile	July 2014	July 2019
Georgia	July 2014	July 2019
Ireland	July 2014	July 2019
Japan	July 2014	July 2018
Malawi	July 2014	July 2018
Sudan	July 2014	July 2017
Burundi	October 2014	October 2018

[7] Ibid., *Sixty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 40*, vol. I (A/67/40 (vol. I)), chap. II, para. 64.

[8] Ibid., *Sixty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 40*, vol. I (A/69/40 (vol. I)), chap. III, paras. 101-117.

State party	*Date of examination*	*Due date for next report*
Haiti	October 2014	October 2018
Israel	October 2014	October 2018
Malta	October 2014	October 2020
Montenegro	October 2014	October 2020
Cambodia	March 2015	April 2019
Côte d'Ivoire	March 2015	April 2019
Croatia	March 2015	April 2020
Cyprus	March 2015	April 2020
Monaco	March 2015	April 2021
Russian Federation	March 2015	April 2019

Annex I

Membership and officers[a] of the Human Rights Committee, 2014-2015

A. Membership of the Human Rights Committee

111th and 112th session	*Nationality*[b]	*Term ends 31 December*
Yadh **Ben Achour**[c]	Tunisia	2014
Lazhari **Bouzid**	Algeria	2016
Christine **Chanet**	France	2014
Ahmed Amin **Fathalla**	Egypt	2016
Cornelis **Flinterman**	Netherlands	2014
Yuji **Iwasawa**	Japan	2014
Walter **Kälin**[c]	Switzerland	2014
Zonke Zanele **Majodina**	South Africa	2014
Gerald L. **Neuman**	United States of America	2014
Sir Nigel **Rodley**	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	2016
Víctor Manuel **Rodríguez-Rescia**	Costa Rica	2016
Fabián Omar **Salvioli**	Argentina	2016
Dheerujlall **Seetulsingh**[d]	Mauritius	2016
Anja **Seibert-Fohr**	Germany	2016
Yuval **Shany**	Israel	2016
Konstantine **Vardzelashvili**	Georgia	2016
Margo **Waterval**	Suriname	2014
Andrei Paul **Zlătescu**[e]	Romania	2014

113th session	*Nationality*[b]	*Term ends 31 December*
Yadh **Ben Achour**	Tunisia	2018[c]
Lazhari **Bouzid**	Algeria	2016[f]
Sarah **Cleveland**	United States of America	2018[c]
Ahmed Amin **Fathalla**	Egypt	2016[f]

[a] Current and past membership of the committee can be found at the following link: www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CCPR/Pages/Membership.aspx

113th session	*Nationality*[a]	*Term ends 31 December*
Olivier **de Frouville**	France	2018[g]
Ivana **Jelić**	Montenegro	2018[g]
Yuji **Iwasawa**	Japan	2018[g]
Duncan Laki **Muhumuza**	Uganda	2018[g]
Photini **Pazartzis**	Greece	2018[g]
Mauro **Politi**	Italy	2018[g]
Sir Nigel **Rodley**	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	2016[f]
Víctor Manuel **Rodríguez-Rescia**	Costa Rica	2016[f]
Dheerujlall **Seetulsingh**[d]	Mauritius	2016
Fabián Omar **Salvioli**	Argentina	2016[f]
Anja **Seibert-Fohr**	Germany	2016[f]
Yuval **Shany**	Israel	2016[f]
Konstantine **Vardzelashvili**	Georgia	2016[f]
Margo **Waterval**	Suriname	2018[g]

[a] In accordance with article 28 (3) of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights: "The members of the Committee shall be elected and shall serve in their personal capacity."

[b] Mr. Amor died on 2 January 2012, prior to the 104th session; his term was due to expire on 31 December 2014. Elections were held on 1 May 2012 for a replacement to continue this mandate until 31 December 2014. Mr. Ben Achour, from Tunisia, was elected by acclamation and his term expired on 31 December 2014.

[c] Mr. Kälin was elected during by-elections held in New York on 17 January 2012; his term expired on 31 December 2014.

[d] Mr. Matadeen resigned effective 9 January 2014; a by-election was held on 24 June 2014 during the 35th meeting of States parties during which Mr. Seetulsingh was elected, whose term will expire in 2016.

[e] Ms. Motoc resigned on 14 October 2013 (effective 4 November 2013). At the election held on 18 February 2014, at the 33rd Meeting of States parties, Mr. Zlătescu was elected as a member of the Committee to replace Ms. Motoc. His term expired on 31 December 2014.

[f] These members were elected during the 32nd meeting of States parties held in New York on 6 September 2012.

[g] These members were elected during the 34th meeting of States parties held in New York on 24 June 2014.

B. Officers

The officers of the Committee, elected for a term of two years at the meeting, on 16 March 2015 (113th session), are the following:

Chair: Fabián Salvioli

Vice-Chairs: Yuji Iwasawa
Dheerujlall Seetulsingh
Anja Seibert-Fohr

Rapporteur: Konstantine Vardzelashvili

Annex II

Status of submission of reports under article 40 of the Covenant (as at 2 April 2015)

A. States parties the initial report of which is overdue (21 States parties)

	State party	*Date due*	*Years overdue*	*Considered in the absence of a report*	*Remarks*
1.	Equatorial Guinea	24 December 1988	26	Seventy-ninth session (October 2003)	
2.	Somalia	23 April 1991	23	Eighty-sixth session (March 2006)	
3.	Grenada	6 September 1991	23	Ninetieth Session (July 2007)	
4.	Seychelles	4 August 1993	21	101st Session (March 2011)	
5.	Dominica	16 September 1994	20	Scheduled for consideration during 102nd session in July 2011 (postponed)	
6.	Cabo Verde	5 Novembe: 1994	20	104th session (March 2012)	
7.	Belize	9 September 1997		107th session (March 2013)	Deadline in concluding observations to submit report by 28 March 2015

	State party	Date due	Years overdue	Considered in the absence of a report	Remarks
8.	Bangladesh	6 December 2001	13		Deadline in last reminder letter (rule 70 of the rules of procedure) to submit report by 12 November 2014
9.	Eritrea	22 April 2003	11		Deadline in last reminder letter (rule 70 of the rules of procedure) to submit report by 12 November 2014
10.	Timor-Leste	19 December 2004	10		Deadline in last reminder letter (rule 70 of the rules of procedure) to submit report by 12 November 2014
11.	Swaziland	27 June 2005	9	In the 104th session, the Committee agreed request to extend the deadline until the end of December 2012	Deadline in last reminder letter (rule 70 of the rules of procedure) to submit report by 12 November 2014
12.	Liberia	22 December 2005	9		Deadline in last reminder letter (rule 70 of the rules of procedure) to submit report by 12 November 2014
13.	Bahrain	20 December 2007	7		Deadline in last reminder letter (rule 70 of the rules of

	State party	Date due	Years overdue	Considered in the absence of a report	Remarks
					procedure) to submit report by 12 November 2014
14.	Andorra	22 December 2007	7		
15.	Samoa	15 May 2009	5		
16.	Papua New Guinea	21 October 2009	5		
17.	Vanuatu	21 February 2010	5		
18.	Bahamas	23 March 2010	5		
19.	Lao People's Democratic Republic	25 December 2010	4		
20.	Pakistan	23 September 2011	3		
21.	Guinea-Bissau	1 February 2012	3		

B. States parties of which the periodic report is overdue by 10 years or more (21 States parties)

	State party	Type of report	Date due	Years overdue	Accepted simplified reporting procedure	New due date	Remarks
22.	Afghanistan	Third	15 May 1996	18	12 May 2011	31 October 2013	List of issues prior to reporting adopted at the 105th session (July 2012)
23.	Belarus	Fifth	7 November 2001	13	18 February 2014		List of issues prior to reporting to be adopted at 114th session (July 2015)
24.	Congo	Third	31 March 2003	12			
25.	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Third	1 January 2004	11			
26.	Egypt	Fourth	1 November 2004	10			

	State party	Type of report	Date due	Years overdue	Accepted simplified reporting procedure	New due date	Remarks
27.	Gabon	Third	31 October 2003	11			
28.	Gambia	Second	21 June 1985	29			Concluding observations adopted in the absence of a second periodic report at the seventy-fifth session (July 2002)
29.	Guinea	Third	30 September 1994	20			
30.	Guyana	Third	31 March 2003	12			
31.	India	Fourth	31 December 2001	13			
32.	Lebanon	Third	31 December 1999	15			
33.	Lesotho	Second	30 April 2002	12			
34.	Mali	Third	1 April 2005	10			
35.	Niger	Second	31 March 1994	21			
36.	Nigeria	Second	28 October 1999	15			
37.	Romania	Fifth	28 April 1999	15	15 July 2013	30 April 2015	List of issues prior to reporting adopted at the 110th session. (March 2014)
38.	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Second	31 October 1991	23			Concluding observations adopted in the absence of a second periodic report at the eighty-sixth session (March 2006)
39.	Senegal	Fifth	4 April 2000	14			
40.	Trinidad and Tobago	Fifth	31 October 2003	11			
41.	Viet Nam	Third	1 August 2004	10			
42.	Zimbabwe	Second	1 June 2002	12			

C. States parties of which the periodic report is between 5 and 10 years overdue (13 States parties)

	State party	Type of report	Date due	Years overdue	Accepted simplified reporting procedure	New due date	Remarks
43.	Brazil	Third	31 October 2009	5			
44.	Central African Republic	Third	1 August 10	3			
45.	Democratic People's Republic of the Congo	Fourth	1 April 2009	6			
46.	Honduras	Second	31 October 2010	4			
47.	Italy	Sixth	31 October 2009	5			
48.	Libya	Fifth	30 October 2010	4			
49.	Liechtenstein	Second	1 September 2009	5			
50.	Luxembourg	Fourth	1 April 2008	7			
51.	Mauritius	Fifth	1 April 2010	5			Information from State that report expected by the end of 2014
52.	Morocco	Sixth	1 November 2008	6			Report exceeded word limit. Requested to resubmit by 1 July 2015
53.	Syrian Arab Republic	Fourth	1 August 2009	5			
54.	Thailand	Second	1 August 2009	5			Report exceeded word limit. Requested to resubmit by 1 July 2015
55.	Uganda	Second	1 April 2008	6			

D. States parties of which the report is less than five years overdue (24 States parties)

	State party	Type of report	Date due	Years overdue	Accepted simplified reporting procedure	New due date	Remarks
56.	Algeria	Fourth	1 November 2011	3			
57.	Argentina	Fifth	30 March 2014	1	20 September 2013	30 April 2015	List of issues prior to reporting adopted at the 110th session (March 2014)
58.	Australia	Sixth	1 April 2013	2	10 March 2011	20 December 2013	List of issues prior to reporting adopted at the 106th session (October 2012)
59.	Barbados	Fourth	29 March 2011	4			
60.	Botswana	Second	31 March 2012	3			
61.	Cameroon	Fifth	30 July 2013	1	2 February 2011	30 July 2013	List of issues prior to reporting adopted at the 103rd session (October 2011)
62.	Denmark	Sixth	31 October 2013	1	2 March 2013	31 October 2013	List of issues prior to reporting adopted at the 103rd session (October 2011)
63.	Ecuador	Sixth	30 October 2013	1	1 March 2013	30 April 2015	List of issues prior to reporting adopted at the 110th session (March 2014)
64.	El Salvador	Seventh	29 October 2014		11 February 2014		List of issues prior to reporting to be adopted at the 114th session (July 2015)
65.	Ethiopia	Second	29 July 2014				

	State party	Type of report	Date due	Years overdue	Accepted simplified reporting procedure	New due date	Remarks
66.	Hungary	Sixth	29 October 2014		15 October 2014		
67.	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Fourth	2 November 2014				
68.	Jordan	Fifth	29 October 2014				
69.	Madagascar	Fourth	23 March 2011	4			
70.	Mexico	Sixth	30 March 2014	1	18 December 2013	31 August 2015	List of issues prior to reporting adopted at the 111th session (July 2014)
71.	Netherlands (including Antilles and Aruba)	Fifth	31 July 2014				
72.	Nicaragua	Fourth	29 October 2012	2			
73.	Panama	Fourth	31 March 2012	3			
74.	Republic of Moldova	Third	30 October 2013	1	18 March 2011	31 October 2013	List of issues prior to reporting adopted at the 103rd session (October 2011)
75.	San Marino	Third	31 July 2013	1	23 February 2011	31 July 2013	List of issues prior to reporting adopted at the 105th session (July 2012)
76.	Sweden	, Seventh	1 April 2014	1	20 June 2013	30 April 2015	List of issues prior to reporting adopted at the 110th session (March 2014)
77.	Tunisia	Sixth	31 March 2012	3			
78.	United Republic of Tanzania	Fifth	1 August 2013	1			
79.	Zambia	Fourth	20 July 2011	3			

E. States parties of which the report is not yet due (66 States parties)

	State party	Type of report	Date due	Accepted simplified reporting procedure	New due date	Remarks
80.	Albania	Third	26 July 2018			
81.	Angola	Second	30 March 2017			
82.	Armenia	Third	30 July 2016			
83.	Belgium	Sixth	29 October 2015			
84.	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Fourth	1 November 2018			
85.	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Third	2 November 2016	1 February 2011		
86.	Bulgaria	Fourth	29 July 2015	20 February 2014		List of issues prior to reporting to be adopted at the 114th session (July 2015)
87.	Burundi	Third	31 October 2018			
88.	Cambodia	Third	2 April 2019			
89.	Chad	Third	28 March 2018	30 January 2012		
90.	Chile	Seventh	31 July 2019			
91.	Côte d'Ivoire	Second	2 April 2019			
92.	Croatia	Fourth	2 April 2020	8 January 2014		Concluding observations on the third periodic report adopted under the simplified reporting procedure
93.	Cyprus	Fifth	2 April 2020	16 February 2015		
94.	Czech Republic	Fourth	26 July 2018	5 July 2013		

	State party	Type of report	Date due	Accepted simplified reporting procedure	New due date	Remarks
95.	Djibouti	Second	1 November 2017			
96.	Dominican Republic	Sixth	30 March 2016			
97.	Estonia	Fourth	30 July 2015			
98.	Finland	Seventh	26 July 2019			
99.	Georgia	Fifth	31 July 2019			
100.	Germany	Seventh	2 November 2018	28 March 2013		
101.	Guatemala	Fourth	30 March 2016	15 July 2013		
102.	Haiti	Second	31 October 2018			
103.	Hong Kong, China[a]	Fourth	30 March 2018			
104.	Iceland	Sixth	30 July 2018			
105.	Indonesia	Second	26 July 2017			
106.	Ireland	Fifth	31 July 2019			
107.	Israel	Fifth	31 October 2018	9 May 2011		
108.	Japan	Seventh	31 July 2018			
109.	Kenya	Fourth	30 July 2015			
110.	Kyrgyzstan	Third	28 March 2018			
111.	Latvia	Fourth	28 March 2020			
112.	Lithuania	Fourth	30 July 2017	20 March 2013		
113.	Macao, China[a]	Second	30 March 2018			
114.	Malawi	Second	31 July 2018			
115.	Maldives	Second	30 July 2015			
116.	Malta	Third	31 October 2020			

	State party	Type of report	Date due	Accepted simplified reporting procedure	New due date	Remarks
117.	Mauritania	Second	1 November 2017			
118.	Monaco	Fourth	2 April 2021	5 January 2011		Concluding observations on the third periodic report adopted under the simplified reporting procedure
119.	Mongolia	Sixth	1 April 2015			
120.	Montenegro	Second	31 October 2020			
121.	Mozambique	Second	1 November 2017			
122.	Nepal	Third	28 March 2018			
123.	New Zealand	Sixth	30 March 2015	28 January 2011	30 April 2015	List of issues prior to reporting adopted at the 110th session (March 2014)
124.	Norway	Seventh	2 November 2016	5 April 2013		
125.	Paraguay	Fourth	30 March 2017			
126.	Peru	Sixth	30 March 2018			
127.	Philippines	Fifth	2 November 2016			
128.	Poland	Seventh	29 October 2015	6 March 2012	30 October 2015	List of issues prior to reporting adopted at the 111th session (July 2014)
129.	Portugal	Fifth	31 October 2018			
130.	Russian Federation	Eighth	2 April 2019			
131.	Serbia	Third	1 April 2015			
132.	Sierra Leone	Second	28 March 2017			
133.	Slovakia	Fourth	1 April 2015			

	State party	Type of report	Date due	Accepted simplified reporting procedure	New due date	Remarks
134.	Sri Lanka	Sixth	31 October 2017			
135.	Sudan	Fifth	31 July 2017			
136.	Switzerland	Fourth	1 November 2015	23 January 2014		List of issues prior to reporting adopted at the 112th session (October 2014)
137.	Tajikistan	Third	26 July 2017			
138.	Togo	Fifth	1 April 2015			
139.	Turkey	Second	2 November 2016			
140.	Turkmenistan	Second	30 March 2015			
141.	Ukraine	Eighth	26 July 2018			
142.	United States of America	Fifth	28 March 2019			
143.	Uruguay	Sixth	1 November 2018	26 November 2010		Concluding observations on the fifth periodic report adopted under the simplified reporting procedure
144.	Yemen	Sixth	30 March 2015			
145.	State of Palestine	Initial	3 July 2015			Ratified on 2 April 2014

[a] Although China is not itself a party to the Covenant, the Government of China has honoured the obligations under article 40 with respect to Hong Kong, China which was previously under British administration. For information on the application of the Covenant in Hong Kong, China, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 40* (A/51/40), chap. V, sect. B, paras. 78-85.

[b] Although China is not itself a party to the Covenant, the Government of China has honoured the obligations under article 40 with respect to Macao, China which was previously under Portuguese administration. For information on the application of the Covenant in Macao, China, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 40* (A/55/40), chap. IV.

F. States parties the report of which is yet to be considered by the Committee (25 States parties)

	State party	*Type of report*	*Date due*	*Date of submission*	*Accepted simplified reporting procedure*	*Remarks*
146.	France	Fifth	31 July 2012	3 August 2012		
147.	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	Fourth	1 April 2005	18 December 2012		
148.	Spain	Sixth	1 November 2012	27 December 2012		
149.	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Seventh	31 July 2012	29 December 2012		
150.	Uzbekistan	Fourth	30 March 2013	5 April 2013		
151.	Canada	Sixth	31 October 2010	9 April 2013		
152.	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Third	1 April 2012	8 May 2013		
153.	Austria	Fifth	30 October 2012	17 June 2013		
154.	Benin	Second	1 November 2008	26 July 2013		
155.	Republic of Korea	Fourth	2 November 2010	19 August 2013		
156.	Suriname	Third	1 April 2008	8 October 2013		
157.	Iraq	Fifth	4 April 2000	16 October 2013		
158.	Greece	Second	1 April 2009	23 January 2014		
159.	Costa Rica	Sixth	1 November 2012	5 May 2014		
160.	Rwanda	Fourth	10 April 2013	11 July 2014		
161.	Slovenia	Third	1 August 2010	17 July 2014		

	State party	Type of report	Date due	Date of submission	Accepted simplified reporting procedure	Remarks
162.	Namibia	Second	1 August 2008	11 October 2014		
163.	Kuwait	Third	2 November 2014	28 October 2014		
164.	Ghana	Initial	8 February 2001	17 November 2014		
165.	South Africa	Initial	9 March 2000	26 November 2014		
166.	Kazakhstan	Second	29 July 2014	11 December 2014		
167.	Azerbaijan	Fourth	1 August 2013	22 December 2014		
168.	Colombia	Seventh	1 April 2014	22 December 2014		
169.	Burkina Faso	Initial	3 April 2000	23 December 2014		
170.	Jamaica	Fourth	2 November 2014	18 March 2015		

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